

can tell you is in the Paris Treaty discussions between North Vietnam and America. The United States sent our representative to Paris and they took off one floor of a downtown Paris hotel on a week-to-week rental and housed our negotiating delegation in that location. The North Vietnamese took a two-year lease on a villa outside Paris and then leaked to the press the terms of their lease, telling everybody, basically, it doesn't make a difference how long we're here, I can spend forever negotiating this treaty, I won't be rushed into anything. It sent a very clear message to the Americans as to how ready and how willing the North Vietnamese were to make concessions. If I had to make a suggestion as to how to proceed along the lines that Senator Schmit suggested, it would be twofold. If we put in no money for litigation, the other side will not say to itself, ah, Nebraska is confident, is ready to go to war on this issue, but offers us an oak leaf and, therefore...a fig leaf, rather, therefore we should consider the extension of the olive branch and meet and discuss with them. If anything, I suppose, you ought to have an amendment that says, we hereby put aside a fund of \$10 million and allow Mike Jess to appropriate from that body of money exactly the amount that Wyoming puts aside in their budget for litigation. And then, secondly, put in a hard dollar appropriation that says, we do appropriate \$10,000 for the contract of assisted mediation to bring in a third party to monitor these discussions and issue in this budget an invitation, first, to have assisted mediation, and, secondly, our willingness to use that procedure as our first course but without putting down, unilaterally, the hammer of litigation. It will not be read as a sign that we want necessarily to discuss and mediate and negotiate a settlement. It will be taken as a sign of weakness. We need to remain strong on the litigation front, but then actively and clearly open up the second track which is some form of third party assistance in mediating the solution. By the way, there is an excellent environmental mediator in Denver, Colorado. It's the CDC forum. They quite commonly do this kind of work and we could appropriate \$10,000 and send the same message and then make everything else a paper transaction in the budget but let everybody know that when push comes to shove we are ready to litigate if we have to. I just thought you might find that of value. Thanks. I will go back to my work now.

SPEAKER BAACK: The next speaker I have is Senator Wesely. Before we proceed with Senator Wesely, I would like to announce that arrangements have been made for pizza and stuff to be